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## **Court Finds DEQ Skirted the Law on Energy Regulations**

**SALEM, Ore.** – This week, the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled that the Oregon DEQ's Climate Protection Program failed to comply with disclosure requirements during rules adoption. The program is one of the most radical regulations of energy in the nation.

"Most Oregonians, regardless of party affiliation, believe in the rule of law. I think a state agency rushing to implement a draconian regulatory scheme without following the law is irresponsible and bad governing," **said Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend)**. "This week's ruling highlights the importance of our nation's system of checks and balances, which limit absolute power of unelected bureaucrats and politicians who abuse their power. I hope the courts continue to hold lawlessness accountable."